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## Church News

## VIRGINIA.

**Richmond, Second Presbyterian Church:** Our spring communion was observed on last Sabbath, April 21st, at which time a goodly number were welcomed into the membership of this church. Twelve young people, most of them from the Sabbath school, came for the first time to the Lord's table; while thirty-four persons were received by letter from other churches. The pastor, in an impressive sermon from the text, "This do in remembrance of me," emphasized the duty, as well as the privilege, of Christians to remember their Lord and Master in this supper of his own instituting.

**Petersburg, Second:** The sixty-seventh annual report of this church to Presbytery is the best in its history. There were sixty-one additions, making the present resident membership 514. The yearly contributions amounted to \$12,129. Of this amount \$6,042 was spent for congregational purposes. Foreign Missions received \$3,032. The congregation repeated its action of a year ago by increasing the pastor's salary, and took a forward step in engaging a trained Sunday school worker for the coming year. The church has set the goal for benevolences at \$9,000, and expects to reach the full amount.

**Cumberland:** This has been a prosperous year with this church. There were thirty-seven additions, \$91.70 given to Home Missions, \$79.20 to Foreign Missions and gifts to other causes in proportion, making a total of \$1,566.74. They paid their pastor, Rev. F. W. Osborne, \$26.50 more than promised him, then raised a purse of \$56.50 as a gift to him, and then raised his salary \$200 for next year. We praise God for the above success, and are determined by His help to do better things this year.

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**Lexington:** On our communion Sunday, April 7th, a young boy from our Sunday-school was received into the church on his profession of faith, and last Sunday, April 14th, three more boys from the Sunday-school were received. Two of the three were sons of one of our elders, and the other was the son of a deacon.

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**New Monmouth:** The service Sunday morning, April 7th, took the form of a memorial in honor of our departed missionary, Rev. Dr. William M. Morrison, this being his home church, into which he was received

by the present pastor emeritus, Rev. Dr. D. A. Penick. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. N. Yarbrow, assisted by Dr. James Lewis Howe, of Washington and Lee University, and Rev. Dr. William R. Laird, of Danville. It was decided that this church should maintain a missionary on the Congo as its monument to Dr. Morrison's memory. This called for an addition of \$500 a year to what was already pledged. Of this sum \$450 was promptly promised, and the remaining \$50 has been secured since then. No nobler or more enduring monument could be erected to the memory of this great man.

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**Woodson:** The church building at this place is nearing completion, and will soon be needing pews. Any church that has some suitable pews that it wishes to dispose of, either as a contribution or for sale, will confer a favor by writing Mr. Charles H. Miller, Woodson, Va., or Rev. W. G. Wood, Massie's Mill, Va., stating particulars.

**Abingdon:** A wonderful day has come to our church. It has pleased Almighty God to bestow upon us blessings so rich and full that they have far exceeded our most eager anticipations. Under the preaching of Rev. Robert King, of Kingsport, Tenn., in a series of evangelistic meetings held recently in Sinking Spring church, the gracious power and presence of the Holy Spirit have been manifested in quickened hearts, changed lives, and in new ideals inculcated. The complete results of the meetings we have had can never be fully tabulated, but some things stand out in such clear light that we wish to mention them. (1) There are those who will never cease to thank God for the goodness of His love and grace in saving their souls and in leading them into fullness of faith in Christ Jesus. (2) Then there are those who have had a new and stronger confidence born in their hearts; a confidence in themselves as capable of doing something personal and definite to extend the kingdom of God among men; a confidence in the Church as a soul-saving institution; and a confidence in the Bible as a power to bring conviction to the hearts of sinners and guide them to Christ. It has broken down the barriers of timidity and distrust which often prevent many Christians from asserting themselves as fishers of men. This increased confidence makes the Church a really militant force. (3) The Church occupies a higher place in the respect and esteem of people. The world believes now that we are in earnest. During these services Christian men and women have taken the Church and her Christ to the people. This is what the world expects and demands of the Church, and when she meets this expectation she commands the respect and interest of all. Last Sunday twenty-seven united with the church.

**Pico:** The church building at this place, for which last spring a call was made on the Building Fund of Montgomery Presbytery, is now nearly completed, and is in use. At the first service held in the new church eight members were received. Shortly afterward, a church organization was effected, with thirty-seven members, two elders and three deacons being elected. The Sunday-school was reorganized, and a men's Bible class, with nineteen members, was formed. The work at this place was begun several years ago by Rev. Bolling Hobson, under whose ministry many were brought to Christ. The church is now under the pastoral care of Rev. S. S. Oliver, to whose zeal and efficiency the progress of this work is largely due.

## ALABAMA.

**Anniston:** Rev. William H. Adams writes that he is now camp pastor in Camp McClelland. The troops there are National Guards from New Jersey, Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia. He is anxious to have the names of all Presbyterian boys there, no matter to which branch of the church they belong, in order that he may meet them and serve them. His address is 1420 Leighton Avenue, Anniston, Ala. Send him the names of any Presbyterian soldiers you may know in that camp, and do it before they go "over there."

## FLORIDA.

**De Land, First church, C. H. Ferran, pastor:** This has been the red letter year of the church's history as to increases. The membership increased nearly 25 per cent, forty-nine being added during the year. Nearly or more than \$500.00 above the usual amount will be registered as this year's increase of contributions for current expenses. The benevolences will be increased by a similar amount for the present year. Also a substantial increase has been made to the pastor's salary. The reports of the various departments of church organization were most inspiring as they were heard by the congregation at the annual meeting, just recently held. The Woman's Missionary Society went over the top in its work of the year, and the Philathea class, taught by Mrs. R. H. Boyd, with fifty-seven young ladies enrolled, made a most striking record of achievement. All departments of the Sunday-school came to the front with pure pleasure and pardonable pride in their records. There are now three Endeavor Societies in the church. Mr. R. H. Boyd, a vice-president of the Florida Bankers' Association, and Mr. C. T. Chatham were recently added to the diaconate of the church. Mr. Chatham being elected as chairman of the body. Conservation and Intensification were suggested recently by the pastor as the church's motto for the year just beginning.

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**Bradentown:** There have been twenty-eight additions to this church recently, five being by letter. Dr. Hallock soon retires from the temporary supply of this church. Rev. J. H. Patterson, graduate of Princeton, takes charge as pastor June 1st.

**Mango:** This church is now enjoying a new, attractive church building, being served by Rev. H. H. Newman. Methodists bought the old building.

**Lakeland:** Because of flush of winter visitors, Rev. C. I. Stacey has been preaching in auditorium. His plans for a new church are shaping up.

## GEORGIA.

**Atlanta, North Avenue Church:** On Thursday evening the Business Woman's Committee, of which Mrs. Clem Harris is chairman, held their regular monthly meeting at the church house. Supper was served at 6:30 to about thirty-seven members and guests. The committee had the pleasure of welcoming back several old members, and of having with them several visitors, four of them being from the Business Woman's Guild of St. Luke's Episcopal church. There was an enthusiastic discussion of the budget for the year 1918-1919, and the same budget was adopted, with the addition of a fund for the Armenian and Syrian relief. It was agreed to buy a Liberty Bond for the Committee's Benefit Fund, and seventeen dollars was secured toward this end. Miss Phelps, of the St. Luke's Committee, and Mrs. Richards, of the Business Woman's Council, made interesting short talks. This commit-

tee always gives a cordial welcome to new members or visitors at their meetings.

Saturday evening at 7:30 fifteen of the officers of the church met at the church house and engaged in earnest prayer for an hour. Asking God particularly that North Avenue church, its pastor and its officers be of the greatest service possible to Him in the present day emergency. On Sunday Dr. Flinn preached a strong sermon on the power and necessity of prayer. God would have us pray—pray as individuals, as a congregation, as a nation and without ceasing. A small room adjoining the church auditorium is to be kept open during the week, where the members and others may drop in for prayer.

The Philathea class had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. H. M. Street, of Arkansas, at their regular morning hour Sunday. Mrs. Street has a magnetic personality, and gave a strong interpretation of the day's lesson.

Last week Dr. Flinn made a flying trip to Richmond, Va., where he went to secure an assistant pastor. Mr. M. C. Bowling, of Buckingham County, Va., this year's graduate of Union Seminary, has accepted the invitation of the session and Dr. Flinn to fill this place. A cordial welcome awaits him when he shall have finished his course in May and comes to Atlanta.

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**Atlanta, Westminster Church,** of which Rev. Dr. A. A. Little is the pastor, is the first one in the district burnt over last May to occupy its new house of worship. On last Sunday they moved into the Sunday school room, which is not yet quite complete. The remainder of the building will be erected as soon as possible. The Sunday school room will seat about 800 people and is admirably adapted to its purposes. Notwithstanding the trying experience through which the church has passed in having the homes of a large part of its people burned, the congregation has steadily grown and is now larger than it was before the fire. Over \$8,000 was contributed during the year for current expenses and benevolences. In its new location it will reach a new territory without losing its hold on the old territory from which it moved. The people are loyal and devoted to the church and to its pastor.

**Macon, Tatnal Square:** Sunday, April 7th, was a great day in our church. It was the regular communion service and a handsome individual communion set was used for the first time, a gift of the Safford Missionary Society. Two splendid men, L. D. Baughcom and J. G. Stowers, were ordained and installed deacons. The treasurer made his annual report, which showed all debts paid and a balance on hand. This is remarkable considering the trying times the church has had in recent months. A report of the Every Member Canvass for funds for next year caused much joy. The quota of the three million dollars for beneficences was doubled and the budget for current expenses was fully provided for. J. E. Wallace, the pastor, will soon begin a series of evangelistic services, doing the preaching himself.

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## KENTUCKY.

**Harrodsburg:** The pastor, Rev. Bunyan McLeod, Ph. D., has received a very hearty and unanimous call to the Westminster Presbyterian church, Charlotte, N. C. Dr. McLeod has not announced his decision, but tremendous pressure is being brought to bear upon him to decline the call.

## LOUISIANA.

**New Orleans, St. Charles Avenue Branch of the First church** received